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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON PAC MEMBERS IN DETENTION

1. UNHCR REP SABITI INFORMED EMBOFF OF ATTEMPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA (GOT) TO GET THE PAC TO SETTLE THEIR INTERNAL DIVISIONS. THE DISSIDENT FACTION OF THE PAC (WHICH DOES NOT SUPPORT LEBALLO) ASKED GOT TO ALLOW DETAINED MEMBERS OF PAC/SWAZILAND TO ENTER TANZANIA TO ATTEND FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE. GOT AGREED, PROVIDING THAT ALL VISITING PAC MEMBERS LEAVE TANZANIA AT END OF CONFERENCE. THIS RULE IS TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

2. PAC APPROACHED UNHCR FOR TRAVEL FUNDS FOR MEMBERS IN DETENTION IN SWAZILAND. UNHCR DECLINED TO GIVE FUNDS SINCE IT COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS RESETTLEMENT. (AT PRESENT, UNHCR HAS HAD NO SUCCESS
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IN FINDING A COUNTRY TO ACCEPT PAC/S MEMBERS.)

3. SABITI APPROACHED GOS ANYWAY ON ISSUE OF TRAVEL TO TANZANIA BY PAC/S MEMBERS FOR CONFERENCE. GOS AGREED BUT STATED THAT IT WOULD ISSUE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR PAC MEMBERS IN DETENTION WITHOUT RETURN CLAUSE. (THE RETURN CLAUSE STIPULATES THAT THE HOLDER HAS THE RIGHT

OF RETURN TO THE COUNTRY WHICH ISSUED THE TRAVEL DOCUMENT.)
THUS, EVEN IF FUNDING COULD BE FOUND FOR PAC/S MEMBERS' TRAVEL,
TANZANIA WOULD NOT ALLOW PAC/S MEMBERS TO ENTER.

4. GOS HAS BEGUN TO ALTER ITS APPROACH ON REFUGEE TRAVEL
DOCUMENTS. AS AN EXAMPLE, PHELPS-STOKES FOUNDATION
RECENTLY ARRANGED FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS TO U.S. FOR
SOWETO REFUGEE STUDENTS IN SWAZILAND. GOS AGREED TO ISSUE
TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR THEM BUT WITHOUT RETURN CLAUSE.
WHEN QUERIED WHY THEY REFUSED TO ALLOW RETURN CLAUSE
IN THESE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, AN OFFICIAL IN DEPUTY PRIMIN'S
OFFICE BLUNTLY STATED, "IF WE PUT IT (RE RETURN CLAUSE)
IN THERE, THEY MIGHT COME BACK." GOS HAS ALSO
BEGUN POLICY OF ISSUING NEW TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
TO ANC MEMBERS WITHOUT RETURN CLAUSE INSTEAD OF SIMPLY
RENEWING OLD TRAVEL DOCUMENTS THAT HAD BEEN ISSUED WITH
RETURN CLAUSE.

5. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT GOS VIEWS THE REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
AS A TOOL IN RIDDING ITSELF OF UNWANTED ELEMENTS FROM
SOUTH AFRICA. SABITI IS CURRENTLY FIGHTING THE ISSUE
WITH GOS.
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